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UN CIRCULATED, AS DOCUMENT A/9693 OF JULY 15, LETTER FROM IRANIAN MISSION CHARGE PISHVA REQUESTING INCLUSION OF ITEM IN 29TH GA PROVISIONAL AGENDA ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST." FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM SUPPORTING INSCRIPTION.

QUOTE

THE STRENGTHENING OF INT'L PEACE AND SECURITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE FOCAL POINT OF IRAN'S FOREIGN POLICY. IN PURSUIT OF THIS POLICY IRAN HAS TAKEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF SOLID STRUCTURES FOR PEACE BOTH AT REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS. IT WAS WITHIN THIS POLICY FRAMEWORK THAT AS EARLY UNCLASSIFIED

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AS 1968, HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAHANSHAH OF IRAN INTRODUCED

THE IDEA OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THEN HAVE IMPARTED A PARTICULAR SENSE OF URGENCY TO THIS PROPOSAL. WHILE PROSPECTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING DENUCLEARIZATION SCHEME IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST APPEAR NOW TO BE MORE PROMISING, GREATER ACCESS BY STATES TO NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY HAS RENDERED THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROLIFERATION AND A CONCOMITANT COLLAPSE OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION STRUCTURE, A MORE ACUTE PROBLEM.

THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS HAVE PROMPTED HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY RECENTLY TO RENEW HIS PROPOSAL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE ORGAN IN WHICH A PROPOSAL OF THIS NATURE COULD BE BROUGHT UP AND HAS THEREFORE REQUESTED THE INCLUSION OF AN ITEM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN THE AREA, IN THE AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

DECISION ON THE PRECISE LIMIT OF THE DENUCLEARIZED ZONE SHOULD, IN THE VIEW OF THE IRANIAN GOVT, BE LEFT TO THE GA. SUCH DELIMITATION BY THE ASSEMBLY IS APPROPRIATE NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE AMBIGUITY INHERENT IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION OF THE REGION BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE REGION MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. THE GOVT OF IRAN THEREFORE BELIEVES THAT THE ZONE SHOULD ENCOMPASS AS WIDE AN AREA AS POSSIBLE.

IT IS THE EARNEST HOPE OF THE IRANIAN GOVT THAT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTY-NINTH SESSION WOULD COMMEND THIS PROPOSAL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE STATES OF THE REGION AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THESE STATES TO TAKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE AND REPORT BACK TO THE GA. IT IS THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF THE IRANIAN GOVT THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROPOSAL WOULD CONSTITUTE A MAJOR FEAT IN PURSUIT OF SECURITY AND LASTING PEACE. UNQTE
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